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Filing Date: July 14, 2003  
Applicant: Geoffrey Weeks, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3726  
Examiner: Essama Omgba  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING BLIND FASTENER SETTING  
Attorney Docket: 0275G-000762

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1. ☐ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:

2. ☐ English translations are provided:

3. ☒ Other: DE 4217901 and WO 03/059551 appear to generally relate to rivet setting equipment.

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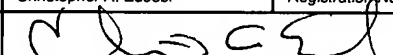
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